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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

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Economic assistance to States affected by the implementation of the Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of Articles 25, 48, 49 and 50 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 724 (1991) of 15 December 1991 and 843 (1993) of 18 June 1993,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 1074 (1996) of 1 October 1996 terminating the measures suspended by resolution 1022 (1995) of 22 November 1995 and imposed by or reaffirmed in resolutions 757 (1992) of 30 May 1992, 787 (1992) of 16 November 1992, 820 (1993) of 17 April 1993, 942 (1994) and 943 (1994) of 23 September 1994, 988 (1995) of 21 April 1995, 992 (1995) of 11 May 1995, 1003 (1995) of 5 July 1995 and 1015 (1995) of 15 September 1995,

Stressing the importance of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the annexes thereto initialled on 21 November 1995 in Dayton, Ohio, and signed in Paris on 14 December 1995,[1]

Paying tribute to the neighbouring States and the other States in the region affected by the sanctions, the mission of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, the European Union/Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Europe Sanctions Coordinator, the Sanctions Assistance Mission Communication Center and the Sanctions Assistance Mission, the Western European Union operation on the Danube, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization/ Western European Union Sharp Guard operation in the Adriatic Sea and the Danube Commission, for their significant contribution to the achievement of a negotiated peace,

Reaffirming its resolutions 48/210 of 21 December 1993, 49/21 A of 2 December 1994 and 50/58 E of 12 December 1995 on economic assistance to States affected by the implementation of the Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,

Taking note of the Sofia Declaration on Good-neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in the Balkans, adopted by the Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Countries of South-Eastern Europe, held at Sofia on 6 and 7 July 1996,[2]

Taking note also of the fact that some of the States in the region affected by the sanctions have expressed their views on the issue,[3]

Commending the efforts of the international financial institutions, other international organizations and those States which responded to the appeal of the Secretary-General and the donor conferences held at Brussels in December 1995 and April 1996 by taking into consideration the special economic problems arising from the implementation of the sanctions in their support programmes and specific activities for the affected States,

Commending also the continuing attention paid by intergovernmental and regional organizations, in particular the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the European Union, as well as through the Central European Initiative, to the needs of the affected States for assistance in developing regional transport and communication infrastructures,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, entitled "Supplement to An Agenda for Peace: position paper of the Secretary-General on the occasion of

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[1] See A/50/790-S/1995/999.

[2] See A/51/211-S/1996/551.

[3] See A/51/226-S/1996/595 and A/51/330-S/1996/721.

the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations",[4] and in particular its chapter III.E. on the issue of United Nations sanctions,

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/58 E of 12 December 1995[5] and of the conclusions and recommendations contained therein,

1. Expresses concern at the persisting special economic problems confronting States in the period following the lifting of the sanctions, in particular the States that border the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the other Danube riparian States and all other States affected by the consequences of the severance of their economic relations with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the disruption of traditional transport and communication links in that part of Europe during the period when the sanctions were in force and their long-term adverse impact on the economies of those States;

2. Reaffirms the need for a continuing concerted response from the international community to deal in a more effective manner with the special economic problems of the affected States in the period following the lifting of the sanctions in view of their magnitude and of the adverse impact of the sanctions on the economy of those States;

3. Renews its invitation to the international financial institutions and in particular the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to continue to pay special attention to the economic problems of the affected States in the period following the lifting of the sanctions and to consider ways and means for mobilizing and providing resources for mitigating the continuing negative impact of the consequences of the sanctions on the efforts of the affected States for financial stabilization and for the development of regional transport and communications infrastructure;

4. Renews its request to the competent organs, programmes and United Nations specialized agencies to take into consideration the special needs of the affected States in programming their development activities and to consider the provision of assistance from their special programme resources;

5. Renews its appeal to all States, on an urgent basis, to provide technical, financial and material assistance to the affected States in the period following the lifting of the sanctions to mitigate the continuing adverse impact of the sanctions on their economies, including, inter alia, through the consideration of measures for the promotion of exports, investments and development of private enterprises in the affected States;

6. Encourages the States of the region affected by the implementation of the Security Council sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to continue the process of multilateral regional cooperation outlined in the Royaumont Platform for Action of the European Union in 1995 and launched by the

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[4] A/50/60-S/1995/1.

[5] A/51/356.

Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Countries of South-Eastern Europe, held at Sofia on 6 and 7 July 1996, in such fields as the realization of cross-border infrastructure projects, and promotion of trade and investments, thus alleviating the adverse impact of the sanctions lifted under the terms of Security Council resolution 1074 (1996);

7. Urges the organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and other organizations involved to take appropriate steps in order to broaden access for suppliers, particularly from States which have been affected by the implementation of the sanctions, to participate actively in the post-conflict reconstruction and rehabilitation of the former Yugoslavia;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate measures to increase the opportunity for the affected countries to participate actively in the post-conflict reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the former Yugoslavia;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue to seek, on a regular basis, information from States, regional organizations and the concerned organs and agencies of the United Nations system on action taken to alleviate the special economic problems of these States in the period following the lifting of the sanctions, and to report thereon to the Security Council, as well as to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.